

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Log House Near Leitersburg				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Durbury Road and Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road				
CITY OR TOWN: South of Leitersburg				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Storage				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Harry G. Koontz				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 5				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
			21740	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
			21740	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 281/225				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50%			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This log house is located on the south side of Durbury Road at its intersection with the Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on level ground with its main entrance facing north.

The structure is a two part log dwelling, one and a half stories in height and four bays long. A vertical seam near the center of the north and south elevations marks the jointure of the two sections. The walls are constructed of large hewn logs joined at the corners with V notching. There is evidence that at one time many of the logs were covered with whitewash. Much of the chinking has been replaced with concrete. However, early mortar that does remain is composed of clay and lime. Some portions of the walls are covered with composition siding.

Windows are spaced at random in the walls. They are framed with narrow boards, some with six over six pane double hung sashes. A shed roofed dormer extends from the south slope of the roof over the jointure of the two sections.

The main entrance is in the west bay of the north elevation and is framed similarly to the windows. Another entrance, obscured by a shed extension, is located in the east bay of the south elevation.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and displays no finishing work at the eaves. A small brick flue extends from the south slope of the roof, near the center of the west section of the structure. No fireplaces were observed.

The structure is in deteriorated condition. It is located on a tract containing 2.19 acres. Situated nearby is a modern brick dwelling.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The area of significance of this structure is its architecture. Constructed of log, it is representative of a major architectural group in Washington County as well as the Cumberland and Shenandoah Valleys. Log was used extensively as a building material in this area from the earliest days of settlement to well into the nineteenth century. Many log structures in Washington County remain in use today, sheathed with various forms of siding or bricks. Although this house is undated it offers an example of an early building type in Washington County.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.19 acres

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey	DATE July 1975	
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	21740

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



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4394 40'

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660 000 FEET (MD.)

INC. U.S. 11/15/2 MI.

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March 10, 1962

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